

IOWA STATE COMMODITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The Iowa State Commodity Advisory Council met at the Crown Point Center in Johnston, Iowa on Friday, October 5, 2007. Council members attending were: Dean Flaws, Ann Lehman, Dalieth Johnston, Sherry Kaiser, Andrea Mahler, Joyce Flink, LaRae Doll, Marge Carson and Cherie Larson. Rich Luze, Curtis DeWulf, and Jeff Reeves were absent.

Presentations:

1. Joe DeAntoni, Golden Valley Management – PPI Dressing Packets and Pouches.
2. Gary Bornmueller, DBC Brokerage – Tyson
3. Shawn Shoutz, Ardella's
4. Larry Hohenshell, Food Marketing- Comfort Creek
5. Elizabeth Klingman, Can Too-Cloverdale/Zartic/Pierre
6. Lori Gage, Roisum Elite-Advance

Business items:

1. Roll call. New members Marge Carson and Cherie Larson were introduced, along with the returning members.
2. Approval of minutes. The April minutes were previously approved at the June meeting in Dubuque.
3. Dean asked for nominations for Chair-person and Recorder. Dalieth Johnson and Sherry Kaiser were nominated and accepted as Co-Chairs. Ann Lehman was nominated and accepted as Recorder.
4. Information sheets were updated.
5. Vouchers and claim sheets were completed and collected.
6. Date for spring meeting will be February 22, 2008 at the Crown Point Center in Johnston.
7. Bid meeting date will be April 11, 2008, at the Des Moines Public Schools Main Kitchen.

The committee voted to skip lunch and proceed with the meeting.

Discussion items:

1. Addendum to agenda – commodity complaints
 - a. Chicken patties: wrong item sent, splinters found inside.
 - b. Keck: flour stacked on bottom of pallet and split open, the truck had mouse droppings inside, the driver arrives too early and is unpleasant, and the pallets continue to be stacked too high (from Mason City warehouse).
 - c. Strawberry cups: many cups were damaged, due to a glue problem, packaging problem or Keck stacking problem, or a combination.
 - d. Chicken nuggets: bone fragments found inside some nuggets.
 - e. Sloppy Joe: had filler or parts that looked like paper towels.
 - f. Sausage Links: tough and not good.

- g. Mozzarella sticks: breading is too thin and cheese melts all over.

2. Processed Presentations-

- a. Larry Hohenshell – members were interested in the chicken burger. Members did like the chicken tenders but will table that item until they are available in whole grain.
- b. Joe DeAntoni – Juices – members voted to add fruit punch orange juice blend. PPI dressings – members liked the idea of dressings in a ½ gallon pouch. Dean will ask Mrs. Clark's if that is an additional packaging option.
- c. Gary Bornmueller – members were interested in bidding out the cherry thaw and serve whole grain cutie pies. Dean will look for comparable items and we will try them all in February. Members were also interested in the gluten free turkey and want to sample that in February.
- d. Shawn Shoutz – members were interested in the pizza packs. Dean will see if there are similar items and we will sample them all in February. If not we will add for the 08-09 school year. We would also like to add the Sicilian pizza wedge for the 08-09 school year.
- e. Elizabeth Klingman – not interested in the Barrel of Fun chips due to expiration dates. Members were very interested in the grilled chicken breast and will ask her to bring them in February with nutritional info and pricing.
- f. Lori Gage – Members were interested in the beef patty. Will ask her to come back in February with nutritional info and pricing.

3. Current Processing –

- a. 8b -Rich's and Mrs. Clarks are slow getting products to us, some Mrs. Clarks cups are unavailable. Running behind due to slow products and computer problems.

4. Commodity Ordering over WEB – 90% of schools order through the internet.

5. SNAI Dates in Des Moines – June 24 and 25th. LaRae distributed a SNAI flyer. Dean asked for member help again this year.

6. October Commodity Newsletter – The newsletter will include clarification on the peach and strawberry cups. The production date is printed on the bottom of them. This date is not an expiration date. Also included will be an explanation on why the raisins are a lighter color. This is because they are harvested earlier.

7. Deliveries Current Status – 8B will hopefully start delivery the 11th or 12th.

8. Commodity Show with SNAI-recap Dubuque of 2007 – Dean thanked council members for their help and noted that SNAI attendees like seeing council members in the booth and appreciated the Commodity Facts booklet. The council complemented Dean on his lunch tray idea to highlight commodity processors.

9. Expenses from State Conference in Dubuque – Dean informed members that lodging within close distance to members homes will not be reimbursed.
10. Whole Grain memo from Jane H, State Consultant- Jane complimented the council on the recent whole grain items added to the commodity list and wants us to keep them coming.
11. Miscellaneous-
 - a. Net-off invoice sub-committee: no report, on hold for now.
 - b. Keck will be bid out in January. Up for bid every 3 years.
 - c. Products are up for bid on a regular rotation with nothing due to be rebid this year, only new items if needed.
 - d. Andrea informed the council of the Iowa Commodity Group fax she received and thought we should inform school districts that we are not associated with this group as they may be confused.

There being no further business, Dalieth moved to adjourn at 12:55 p.m. All members approved.

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